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Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
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RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

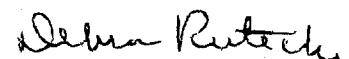
Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to encourage you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. In addition, industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Please grant this petition, as the marketing and slaughter of downed animals is inhumane and unacceptable.

Sincerely,


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